

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 11-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yanovsky (U.S. Pat. No. 7,010,807 B1) in view of Suorsa et al. (Publ. No. US2002/0156894 A1). Claims 7-10 and 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yanovsky (U.S. Pat. No. 7,010,807 B1) in view of Suorsa et al. (Publ. No. US2002/0156894 A1) and further in view of Herrmann et al. (Publ. No. US 2003/0055994 A1). Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 13, 16, and 17 have been cancelled. Claim 21 has been added.

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include the step of updating a virus monitor with current rules and policies. The policies are contained in an operating procedures and policy (OPP) file and are received from a controller as described on page 20 of the specification. The claims now also recite that when a visitor client device is connected to the network, all communication channels of the visitor client device are locked and only access to an anti-virus software installation server is allowed as described, for example, on page 22, paragraph 0037 of the specification. The claimed invention now includes the step of scanning the visitor client device using a virus scan server module and granting a temporary credential (described as a "use" token in paragraph 0038 on page 23) for use by the visitor client device when it is determined that the visitor client device is free of viruses and has other anti-virus software or has the appropriate anti-virus software.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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